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Extract of a Letter from Petersburgh, July 18.

YOU have undoubtedly heard of the Country hereabouts being in Flames in many Places, ſo I will acquaint you with what I can gather from the moſt authentick Accounts in relation to it About a Month or ſix Weeks ago, by ſome Accident, the Bruſh-wood and dry Graſs ſome where about Abo in Finland caught on Fire, which ſpread itſelf, and has continued travelling and increaſing ever ſince, and hath burnt all the Way to Slueyſenburg: At this Place we firſt found the Effects of it about three Weeks ago, by the Air's being very hazy and full of Smoke, which continues ſo, and to ſo great a Degree that very often and generally we cannot ſee any thing half croſs the River even at Noon Day. The ſame Accident hath happened towards Novogrod, and other Parts of the Country, particularly on the New Road, where all the low Bruſh-wood and Graſs that's dry, and even the Bridges on the Road, have been burnt for 60 or 70 Verſts together. It hath in its Courſe burnt many Villages: 'Tis now all round the upper Part of this Town, being not above 2 or 3 Verſts from the Monaſtry on one Side, and at Octa on the other Side the River. They have dug Ditches round Siſſerbeck and other Places. to prevent its coming to them, and for theſe 10 or 12 Days 2 or 3000 Men have been detached to put a Stop to it, but hitherto ineffectually. The reaſon of it's ſpreading and continuing is the exceeding long and dry Seaſon we have had, which is ſuch as hath not been known.

Stockholm, July 31. For ſome Days paſt the Weather has been ſo exceſſive hot in this Kingdom, that the like has not been known ſince the great Drought in the Year 1719. The Air is obſcured with a Sort of Miſt or thick Smoak, which ſmells of burning, and a vaſt Quantity of dead Fiſhes are lying on the Banks of ſeveral Lakes.

Cazalla, Aug. 19. The Mountains and Woods have been on Fire for 14 Days, and burnt ſo dreadfully, that People begin to be in great Fear for this Place and Conſtantia; the Fire being approached very near theſe Places, has done inexpreſſible Damage to the Vineyards, Graſs and other Fruits of the Earth, and has occaſioned an almoſt intolerable Heat: Great Numbers of wild Beaſts and Animals, among them divers Stags, &c. have been ſuffocated by the Fire and Smoke. This Fire, as 'tis ſaid, was occaſioned by ſome Boors, who having made by Night Fires on the Mountains, the Woods had been by the Wind ſet in Flames, and the Heat here is ſo great, that many People are fallen ſick, whereupon the King reſolved to ſet out To-morrow for Pedroza, for which End moſt of the Guards du Corps are already departed to poſt themſelves on the Road.

Dreſden, Aug. 1. The Letters from Dantzick confirm that the Jeſuits have begun again to diſturb the Proteſtants of Thorn by new Citations, and that it was feared that this Affair would be attended with bad Conſequences.

Paris, Aug. 29. The Courier that was expected from Spain is arrived, and ſet out again with an Anſwer to the Diſpatches he brought from that Court; without entring into a Detail of which, there is ſtill nothing done, as we can perceive, that promiſes an Execution of the Treaty of Seville, notwithſtanding the many Projects that have been concerted for performing that Part of it relating to the Garriſoning the Italian Dominions; the Conſequence of which will be, that no Reſtoration will be made as yet for the Merchants Sufferers in the Weſt-Indies, and upon the Coaſts of New-England, New-York, Carolina, &c. tho' the Commiſſioners, on one Side are named for that Affair. Theſe Articles, we are very well aſſured, the Spaniſh Miniſters have not half ſo much at Heart, as that of Tranſporting Don Carlos and his 6000 Guards to Italy.

On the 16th, the Pariſh Prieſt of St. Sulpice baptized a Jew's Daughter; and the next Day he chriſtened her Mother; and he is ſoon to baptize another of her Daughters.

Sept. 20. There have happen'd this Week ſeveral Deaths: The People have had their Time in this World, and their leaving it afterwards is no more than what might reaſonably be expected. It is Nature's Work, and we ought to be ſatisfied with it, as I declare I am. Amongſt the Departed, are Madam Buckley, who was firſt Lady of Honour to the late Queen Dowager of England, and Mother to the Dutcheſs of Berwick. She died at St. Germains, aged 84. Monſieur Duverney, Phyſician Extraordinary to the King, Profeſſor of Anatomy, and Penſionary of the Academy Royal of Sciences, aged 85. The Counteſs de Lelliers, Lady of the Palace to the late Queen of France, aged 109 Years: She never made Uſe of a Phyſician till upon this Occaſion, and then ſhe died. She has left behind her, one Child, who is Abbeſs at Bayonne, and is now 92 Years of Age Monſieur Goujon, Secretary of the Council, Father of Monſieur de Gaville, Intendant of Rouen, at his Eſtate of Anjou, aged 86 Years; and the Marchioneſs de Fontaine, Mother of Madam de Fontagnes, Lady of Honour to the third Princeſs Dowager of Conti, aged I know not how many Years.

Santa Cruz, in South Barbary, July 21. Muley Abdallah continues at Tadla, laying Mulcts on all the People, having laid on Fez 200000 Ducats, and on Sallee 600 Quintals of Gunpowder, with large Sums on other Places, which puts a full Stop to all Trade, the People acting as in the old King Muley Iſhmael's Time, hiding their Money, and appearing poor, in order to avoid being heavily tax'd: This is the Complaint of thoſe Parts, but here they are of a different Nature; For want of a Government, this Country is in Confuſion, hardly any Communication betwixt this and the Inland Trading Cities, the People plundering one another on the Roads; ſo that to put a Stop thereto, the King's coming is much deſired.

Hague, Sept. 5. They write from Zurich of the 26th paſt, That on Wedneſday the 23d, a Woman that poiſon'd her Father and Mother was executed in the following manner: She was drawn upon a Hurdle to the Place of Execution, and there tied to a Poſt, pinched with red hot Tongs, and and burnt alive; but by Reaſon of her great Sorrow and Repentance, and at the Requeſt of the Miniſter who attended her, ſhe had a little Bag of Gunpowder bound about her Neck, which being firſt ſet on fire took away her Feeling. She declared to the laſt that neither her Siſter or any other Perſons, were in any reſpect privy to that moſt execrable Crime.

Laſt Week a Dutch Miniſter at Viana, three Leagues from Utrecht, abſconded by Night from that Place, being accuſed of Sodomy, not only by and with ſome of thoſe who have been lately executed, but by others whom he has endeavoured to ſeduce to that unnatural Crime; and 'tis ſaid he was ſo harden'd in his Iniquity, that he has attempted to prove from Paſſages of Scripture, that it was not only not a Sin, but a Practice more acceptable to the Deity than the Love of Women.

Paris, Sept. 6. We have an Account from St. Pol in Artois, that on the 23d paſt in the Afternoon, a Fire broke out in the Suburbs there, which conſumed 123 Houſes in leſs than 3 Hours; together with a Woman, a Child, 46 Barns full of Corn, Wood and other Proviſions, and a great Number of Cattle. By reaſon of the late extream dry Weather, the Flames were ſo fierce, that the Inhabitants could ſave none of their Effects. They do not ſay how it began, but the Damage is computed at a Million of Livres.

London,

London, Aug. 1. Yeſterday about ſix in the Morning, at Low-water, a Fire broke out in the Work-ſhop of Mr. Hoskins a Sail-maker at St. Saviour's Mill, near Rotherhith, (occaſioned by a Pot of Tar boiling over) which conſumed the ſame, with his Dwelling-houſe, and about 12 other Houſes.

Aug. 15. On Wedneſday the Indian King, and his Retinue, in their Return from the Tower, were regaled in an handſome Manner by ſeveral Merchants of this City trading to South-Carolina, at the Carolina Coffee-houſe in Birchin-lane, where a great Number of Gentlemen reſorted to ſee them, they being on their Return home, which it is believed will be in about three Weeks time; and his Majeſty's Ship the Fox is now refitting at Deptford in order to receive them.

Aug. 29. Several Perſons in Granada, Cordova, and Places adjacent in Spain, who carried on Silk Manufactures, having thereby acquired great Eſtates, the ſame have lately been ſeiſed on (ſaid to amount to about 3,000,000 Pieces of Eight) for the King of Spain's Uſe, by which the ſaid Manufactures are intirely overthrown. We hear that their Crime was Suſpicion of being of Mooriſh Extraction, from whence it was inferred that they might invite over the Moors, and by their Riches ſupport them in invading Spain.

A Fire broke out laſt Night about 11 o'Clock, at a Tobacconiſts near the Corner of Bow-lane in Watling-ſtreet, which was as vehement as any that has happened for many Years, becauſe of the extream dry Seaſon which we have had for about five or ſix Weeks paſt; and that it was near an hour after the Fire began before they could be ſupply'd with Water. Three Houſes were burnt down in a ſhort ſpace of Time, viz. the Tobacconiſt's, a Diſtiller's, and Dr. Douglas's the noted Man Midwife, who loſt all his Books, Plate, Money and Goods, of great Value, and the reſt ſav'd little or nothing; Five other Houſes were much damaged.

The Engliſh in the Eaſt-Indies having met two of the Oſtend Company's Ships, engag'd and took one of them, and have block'd up the other in the River of Fort William, ſo that ſhe cannot miſs being taken. 'Tis thought this Proceeding will not very much contribute to an Accommodation with the Emperor.

The Report of the Lords of the Committee Council held at the Cockpit on Tueſday laſt, relating to a Charter to be granted for making Iron with Pit-Coal, was Yeſterday made to His Majeſty in Council at Windſor, together with the Opinion of the Lords on that Affair; whereupon it was determined in favour of Mr. Wood's Executors, and the Charter was granted.

Sept. 1. His Majeſty having been pleaſed to grant unto the Right Honourable William Flemming Lord Baron of Slane in the Kingdom of Ireland, a Penſion of 4000 l. per Ann. upon the Eſtabliſhment of that Kingdom, a Warrant has paſs'd the Treaſury and Signet Offices laſt Week; and on Thurſday laſt his Lordſhip had the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand, being introduced by the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Albemarle, one of the Lord's of his Majeſty's Bed Chamber then in Waiting.

Sept. 21. On Friday Night about 11 o'Clock, the Indian Prince walking in Covent Garden, was pick'd up by the infamous Jenney Tite, who took two Rings off his Fingers and made off with them. Immediately a Conſtable with his Poſſe were ordered to ſearch all the reputed Houſes that entertain ſuch Cattle which they did, but to no Purpoſe.

Sept. 22. Yeſterday the Indian King, Prince, &c. went in a Coach and four Horſes to Croydon Fair, and were elegantly entertained at Dinner, at the George, and afterwards very plentifully treated with Sack and Walnuts, which is the Cuſtom of that Fair. It is remarkable that there was the greateſt Concourſe of People on that Occaſion that has been known for ſeveral Years; and the King was pleaſed to expreſs that he had not been better diverted ſince his Arrival in England.

PHILADELPHIA, *December* 15.

Laſt Saturday Morning one Alexander Forteſcue was found dead in his Bed on board a Shallop.

By a Perſon lately arrived here from the Northern Parts of Virginia, we have an Account, that in May laſt one John Pemberton kill'd a Buffalo upon Shunadore River, which weigh'd after it was dreſs'd 1400 weight, and the Hide 300. There was one kill'd there ſome time before, which weigh'd 1800; and in thoſe Parts 'tis ſaid they frequently ſee ten or more of theſe Creatures together.

Cuſtom-Houſe, Philadelphia, Entred inwards.

Ship Trial, Samuel Bioknel, from Jamaica.
Brigt. Sarah and Mary, Henry Coombs, from Burlington.
—— Factory, John Ramadge, from St. Lucia.

Entred outwards.

Ship Molly, Samuel Cornock, for South-Carolina.
Brigt. Mary, John Price, for Boſton
—— Keith, Stephen Hoskins, for Jamaica.
—— Penſwood, Thomas Braly, for Lisbon.

Cleared out.

Ship Diligence, Samuel Wood, to St. Chriſtophers.
—— New Briſtol-Hope, Thomas Chalkly, to Barbadoes.
—— Dragon, Charles Hargrave, to Ditto.
Brigt. John, Charles Edgar, to Ditto.
Snow Mary Anne, Laborious Pearce, to Jamaica.
Sloop Elizabeth and Anne, Richard Wheldon, to Ditto.
—— Priſcilla and Naomi, Neomiah Field, to Ditto.
—— Charming Betty, William Burroughs, to Cape Fear.
—— Tace, Benjamin Hoskins, to South-Carolina.

Buried in the ſeveral Burying-Grounds of this City in a Week paſt.

Church - - - - -	1.	Baptiſts - - - - - - - - -	0.
Quakers - - - -	0.	Strangers Whites - - -	1.
Presbyterians - -	0.	Strangers Blacks - - -	0.

Advertiſements.

READY Money, and a good Price for good clear white Horſe-Hair, alſo for good light or Grey Human Hair, given by *William Croſthwaite*, Perukemaker, over againſt the Pewter-Platter in Fronſtreet, *Philadelphia*.

To be SOLD;

A TRACT of Land containing about 2500 Acres, with a good Orchard and Saw-Mill, bounding on both ſides *Glouceſter River*, (commonly called *Timber-Creek*) in *Weſt-Jerſey*, well accomodated with great Quantity of Timber, and Meadow ſufficient to make three or four Farms; the chief Part will yield good Wheat, and lies very handy to the Markets, being but 12 Miles from this City, all Water-Carriage. All which (being the Eſtate of *Abraham Porter*, deceas'd) is valued at 1200 l. but may be ſold either whole or in Parcels. Any Perſon deſirous to purchaſe, may apply *Mahlon Stacey*, *Jonathan Wright*, and *Thomas Scattergood*, in *Burlington*, Truſtees to ſaid Eſtate; or to *Iſaac Porter* at *John Sherborn*'s in this City, of whom further Account may be had. *N. B.* The Condition of Payments muſt be ſome Caſh in Hand, and the Remainder in a reaſonable Time. *Philadelphia, Nov.* 21. 1730.

Philadelphia, Decemb. 1, 1730.

ALL Perſons indebted to *Thomas Willing*, late of this City, Merchant, are deſired forthwith to ſettle their Accounts with, and pay the Ballance to *Charles Willing* and *Joſeph Shippen*, jun. or they may expect Trouble.

ANTHONY LAMB, Mathematical Inſtrument-maker, from *London*, now living in *New-York*, near the new Dock, at the Sign of the Compaſs and Quadrant, makes and ſells all Sorts of Inſtruments for Sea or Land, as Compaſſes, Quadrants, Foreſtaffs, Nocturnals, Sectors, Protractors, all ſorts of Scales, Gauging-Rods, and Rules, in Wood, Ivory, Braſs, or Silver; alſo any other ſmall Work by Wholeſale or Retale.

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